

**AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: Co-President, Marian Bauer, called the meeting to order at 9:30 with the recitation of the AAUW Mission Statement.

HOSTESSES: Joyce Katz, Doris Nistler, and Julie Triplett were thanked for providing refreshments.

Two corrections were made to the agenda.

INVITED SPEAKER: Michelle Johnson, a member of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri and Grant Programs Manager, spoke to the Board in regard to STEM and some middle school students at Normandy Middle School. Volunteers from AAUW are being sought to work with the girls who are participating in this program. Michelle presented a thorough overview of the program, a STEM "club". She encouraged Ballwin-Chesterfield Board members to consider volunteering in any of the STEM areas. A copy of the information handout which she distributed is included with the minutes as an attachment.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

Quorum: The presence of a quorum is confirmed.

Minutes:

A. The Minutes from the September Board and Branch Meeting have been read and approved.

B. The Minutes are available on the Website or from Secretary, Judy Stagoski.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Wier

A. Leslie highlighted the main points of the September Budget. See Attachment

B. **Total Branch assets** are \$15,848.97

C. Leslie has completed tax protocol as needed. Regarding requests for reimbursements, all members are asked to submit them before the first week of the month. Joyce will create an electronic reimbursement form and send each Board member a copy via email. The use of this method of requesting reimbursement will expedite the process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. MEMBERSHIP: Joan Lunt

A. The current Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Membership is 248. This includes three new members.

B. The New Member Coffee will be October 26th at Sandy Camillo's home at 1:30. Fifteen invitations were sent electronically to new members. Board members are encouraged to attend and were asked to indicate if they will be coming to the Coffee.

2. PROGRAMS: Erlaine Eltomi

Evaluation/survey forms will be distributed at all Branch meetings again this year. Their use will provide the Program Chairs immediate feedback as to how the topic and the speaker were received. As was done last year, the forms will be collected at the end of the meeting.

AAUW PRIORITIES

A. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND: Jan Horner and Mary Kay Wolfe

1. Jan spoke about the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk scheduled for Thursday, October 27. Specific information can be found in the Newsletter.

2. A raffle of a jewelry case and jewelry will be held at the October Branch meeting to benefit the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. Chances will be sold at \$2 each or three chances for \$5.00.

3. Come together for Canasta will be held on November 29th at Whitmoor Country Club. The goal is to have from seventy to seventy-five participants. To date, forty-five ladies have signed up. Mary Kay has sent invitations to other Branches.

4. A used book sale is planned for the February Branch meeting. 165 books have already been donated. Donations of both hardback and paperback books are encouraged and will be accepted through the January Branch meeting.

5. There are a total of six scholarship recipients who will receive money from Ballwin-Chesterfield's fundraising efforts. The schools which they attend are: Pierre Laclede College of UMSL, UMSL, Maryville University, and St. Louis Community College.

6. Mary Kay reported that the Silver Anniversary Fund is almost completed, at \$72,759.30 of \$75,000

B. LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND: Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart

1. \$tart \$mart: Ruth Griffin

Ruth presented a thorough review of the \$tart \$mart program, a salary negotiation workshop. Participating students come from leadership classes at UMSL and attend the three hour program. From our branch, Marilyn Fletcher and Pam Triplett have been trained as facilitators.

2. The second Book Discussion Event raised \$1,040 for LAF and was deemed very

successful.

C. PUBLIC POLICY: Sandy Camillo

1. There will be a brief Great Decisions meeting after the November Branch meeting, and on October 28th, a program planning meeting will take place at Sandy Camillo's home to decide on the group's focus for the year. Public Policy chairs from around the state have been invited.

2. Julie Triplett reported that the State's Public Policy Committee met on October 1st, and Julie met with them. Julie announced that Missouri is one of thirteen states to receive a Public Policy Grant in the amount of \$500. A "Get Out the Vote" Seminar will take place the afternoon before the State Meeting (May 4, 2112) at a Public Policy Forum and will be paid for by National. The Missouri State Meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2012 at the Marriott Hotel, Columbia, MO.

D. BY-LAWS: Doris Nistler

With the goal of achieving a wider sampling of members in the branch honoree committee, the following motion was presented by Doris Nistler on behalf of the Bylaws Committee:

MOTION

IT IS MOVED THAT POLICY ARTIVLE XIV, SECTION 2, C BRANCH HONOREE COMMITTEE BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

A BRANCH HONOREE COMMITTEEE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED EACH YEAR, PRESIDED OVER BY THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT. THE COMMITTEEE SHOULD CONSIST OF UP TO SEVEN MEMBERS, INCLUDIING THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, AND MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CO-PRESIDENTS. MEMBERS SHOULD NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

YEA: 22

NAY: 0

MOTION PASSED

BRANCH PRIORITIES

A. DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS: Barbara Tackitt

Events: There are twelve events planned for the upcoming months, and they were highlighted by Barbara Tackitt.

B. TECHNOLOGY: Joyce Katz

1. Joyce enters Ballwin-Chesterfield events and other State events onto the National Calendar. This is a way for Branches to get publicity for their activities and events.

2. Thirteen members have ordered the "ID" cards designed with the AAUW logo.

These have yielded \$215 for the Branch less the \$60 cost of the cards themselves. Orders will be taken through October.

C. PUBLICITY: Pat Shores

Another local website, PATCH.com, is available to post local news. This site reports news from many different local communities such as Ballwin, Chesterfield, Eureka, etc. Pat intends to put notices of our meetings and special events on this site.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

A. FALL BRUNCH: Fran Reiland

Thank you's were extended to all for their part in making this event a success. 136 members and 15 guests attended. The total cost to the caterer was \$1225. The \$20 contribution from each Board member funded this event. A profit of \$68.04 from the sale of the centerpieces was realized.

The caterer advised the Chairs that she would be increasing the per capita charge next year by \$1.00. This would necessitate adding \$5 to each individual Board contribution. It was suggested that we consider looking for an alternative caterer.

B. WINTER AUCTION: Pat Shores

1. Pat reported that a total of \$98,550 has been added to the Branch operating fund since 1998. She reviewed the specifics regarding dates, etc., and the information will be found in the Newsletter.

2. The Auction will again include a raffle entitled "Show Me St. Louis". It is highlighted by an overnight at the newly renovated Cheshire Inn, Clayton, MO. A significant number of other venues and activities will be included in this raffle package, and Pat itemized them. Tickets will be sold at \$5 each and five tickets for \$20. Anyone who buys the bonus (five for \$20) will automatically get a chance on a bonus raffle. The particular features of this raffle have not been finalized as yet. Pat requested permission to ask that each Board member buy an entire sheet plus selling or buying a second sheet. Sale of tickets will begin at the October Branch meeting.

C. IBC: Yvonne Morrison

Currently, IBC is composed of six Branches from the St. Louis area. A main goal of the Council is to promote cooperation and support among the Branches.

The annual Spring Fling, a luncheon, social, and fundraiser, is planned for March 24, 2012. The Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch is responsible for fundraising at this event.

D. Spring Luncheon: Gloria Campion

Plans are in progress, and the menu is being decided upon. There will be a tasting on November 9th. Dodie Barnes is no longer able to be in charge of the programs, and Gloria asked for assistance with the programs' design and production. Joyce Katz agreed to take on this task.

INTEREST GROUPS

OUT TO LUNCH

The October Out to Lunch will be at Bristol's Restaurant on Wednesday, October 19th.

There being no unfinished or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Judy Stagoski
Secretary